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In re Application of:)	Art Unit:
David WALLACH et al.)	
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

19 (amended). A TRAF-binding protein, isoforms, fragments, analogs and derivatives thereof [, according to claim 17 being the] encoded by a DNA sequence according to claim 1, said protein, isoforms, fragments, analogs and derivatives thereof being capable of binding to at least the portion or the TRAF2 protein between amino acids 222-501 of TRAF2, wherein said protein is NIK protein, isoforms, analogs, fragments [and] or derivatives thereof [encoded by the DNA sequence according to any one of claims 1-12].